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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Synthesis**
Inventor: Michelle M. Hanna
Our Ref: 2072.0010006/LBB/SJE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (21 sheets citing 102 documents);
3. 1 document cited in Form PTO-1449 (attached); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of documents AA1-AK1, AA2-AK2, AA3-AK3 and AA4-AC4 are not provided in accordance with the Changes To Support Implementation of the United States Patent and Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan, effective October 21, 2004, which states "section 1.98(a)(2)(i) is amended to eliminate the requirement in paragraph (a)(2)(i) for a copy of each U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication listed in an IDS in a patent application regardless of the filing date of the application."

A copy of document AN1 is provided. With the exception of document AN1, copies of the remaining non-patent documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 09/984,664, filed October 30, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following list of related co-pending patent applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Application No. 10/488,971, filed March 9, 2004, cited herein as document AR21;

U.S. Application No. 10/976,240, filed October 24, 2004, cited herein as document AS21;

International Application No. PCT/US2004/035740, filed October 29, 2004, cited herein as document AT21;

U.S. Application No. 09/984,664, filed October 30, 2001, published as 2003/0099950 A1 and cited as document AI3;

U.S. Application No. 10/425,037, filed April 29, 2003, published as 2004/0054162 A1 and cited herein as document AJ3;

U.S. Application No. 10/600,581, filed June 23, 2003, published as 2004/0137461 A1 and cited herein as document AK3;

U.S. Application No. 10/602,045, filed June 24, 2003, published as 2004/0234996 A1 and cited herein as document AA4;

U.S. Application No. 10/790,766, filed March 3, 2004, published as 2004/0157257 A1 and cited herein as document AB4; and

U.S. Application No. 10/607,136, filed June 27, 2003, published as 2005/0026150 A1 and cited herein as document AC4.

The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

It is also requested that the Examiner review the prosecution and cited art in the parent U.S. Application No. 09/984,664 in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office, in the present application, that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is

not in issue. Applicant has listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicant reserves the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered. This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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	AB1	4,351,760	09/28/1982	Khanna <i>et al.</i>			09/07/1979
	AC1	4,582,788	04/15/1986	Erllich			01/07/1983
	AD1	4,683,194	07/28/1987	Saiki <i>et al.</i>			03/28/1985
	AE1	4,739,044	04/19/1988	Stabinsky			06/13/1985
	AF1	4,757,141	07/12/1988	Fung <i>et al.</i>			08/26/1985
	AG1	4,786,600	11/22/1988	Kramer <i>et al.</i>			05/25/1984
	AH1	5,130,238	07/14/1992	Malek <i>et al.</i>			08/23/1989
	AI1	5,169,766	12/08/1992	Schuster <i>et al.</i>			06/14/1991
	AJ1	5,399,491	03/21/1995	Kacian <i>et al.</i>			03/19/1992
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AS	1	Antequerra, F. and Bird, A., "Number of CpG islands and genes in human and mouse," <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 90:11995-11999, National Academy of Sciences (1993)
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	AB2	5,554,516	09/10/1996	Kacian <i>et al.</i>			12/02/1993
	AC2	5,571,669	11/05/1996	Lu <i>et al.</i>			01/14/1993
	AD2	5,595,891	01/21/1997	Rose <i>et al.</i>			07/19/1990
	AE2	5,648,211	07/15/1997	Fraiser <i>et al.</i>			04/18/1994
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	AG2	5,679,512	10/21/1997	Laney <i>et al.</i>			08/20/1993
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	AI2	5,744,308	04/28/1998	Guillou-Bonnici <i>et al.</i>			07/26/1995
	AJ2	5,766,849	06/16/1998	McDonough <i>et al.</i>			11/28/1994
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	AS	2	Cheung, V.G., <i>et al.</i> , "A resource of mapped human bacterial artificial chromosome clones," <i>Genome Research</i> 9:983-993, Cold Spring Laboratory Press (1999)
	AT	2	Cifone, M.A. and Fidler, I.J., "Increasing metastatic potential is associated with increasing genetic instability of clones isolated from murine neoplasms," <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 78:6949-6952, National Academy of Sciences (1981)

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	AB3	5,888,819	03/30/1999	Goelet <i>et al.</i>			03/05/1991
	AC3	6,008,334	12/28/1999	Hanna			07/23/1997
	AD3	6,107,037	08/22/2000	Sousa <i>et al.</i>			06/19/1998
	AE3	6,107,039	08/22/2000	Hanna			10/02/1998
	AF3	6,114,519	07/05/2000	Cole <i>et al.</i>			10/15/1997
	AG3	6,251,594	06/26/2001	Gonzalzo <i>et al.</i>			06/09/1998
	AH3	2002/0168641	11/14/2002	Mortensen <i>et al.</i>			03/09/2001
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	AT	3	Dunn, J.J. and Studier, F.W., "Complete Nucleotide Sequence of Bacteriophage T7 DNA and the Locations of T7 Genetic Elements," <i>J. Mol. Biol.</i> 166:477-535, Academic Press, Inc. (1983)

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AT	<u>6</u>	Gurevich, V.V., <i>et al.</i> , "Preparative in Vitro mRNA Synthesis Using SP6 and T7 RNA Polymerases," <i>Anal. Biochem.</i> 195:207-213, Academic Press, Inc. (1991)

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